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This is a request for filing a

Continuation Divisional

application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial Number 09/167,151 filed October 6, 1998, which is a Divisional application of application Serial No. 08/500,635 filed July 11, 1995 (USP 5,955,072).

of inventors:

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entitled: **EXPRESSION SYSTEMS UTILIZING AUTOLYZING FUSION PROTEINS
AND A NOVEL REDUCING POLYPEPTIDE**

- 1a. Enclosed is a copy of the grandparent application Serial No. 08/500,635, including a copy of the Declaration filed therein.
- 1b. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION:

SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED
5-1, Nihonbashi Honcho 3-chome
Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-8426, Japan

2. **FEE:** The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed, less any claims cancelled by amendment herewith:

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	<u>16</u>	-20	=	<u>\$ -</u>
Independent Claims	<u>7</u>	-3	=	<u>\$ 320.00</u>
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$270.00 =	<u>\$ -</u>
			BASIC FEE	<u>\$ 710.00</u>
			Total of above Calculations	<u>\$ 1,030.00</u>

3. To the extent not tendered by check, authorization is given to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 during pendency of the application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1378. Duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
4. A check in the amount of \$ 1,030.00 is enclosed.
5. Cancel claims 1 to 47, 49 to 54, 56 to 59, 62, 64 to 70, 76 and 81 to 88.

6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a division of application Serial Number 09/167,151 filed October 6, 1998, which is a Divisional Application of application Serial No. 08/500,635 filed July 11, 1995 (USP 5,955,072).

7. [X] New formal drawings are enclosed. 13 Sheets, Figs. 1-13 (SEE LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON)

8. [X] The prior applications are assigned to SANKYO COMPANY LIMITED, Tokyo, Japan, assignment recorded on September 21, 1995, Reel 7641, Frame 0775.

9. [] Copies of Verified Statement(s) claiming Small Entity Status filed in said application Serial No. _____.
Small entity status is still proper and desired.

10. [X] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 1a hereinabove, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

11. [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application includes the following:

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12a. [X] The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

12b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

13. [X] Address all future communications to:

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14. [X] Priority claim (35 USC 119) is made based upon

Japanese Patent Application No. 161053/1994, filed July 13, 1994
Japanese Patent Application No. 218392/1994, filed September 13, 1994
Japanese Patent Application No. 303809/1994, filed December 7, 1994

**Certified copies filed on November 27, 1995
in said application Serial No. 08/500,635.**

15. [X] Information Disclosure Statement [X] PTO-1449

16. [X] STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.821(e)

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Enclosures**